

Boulder Reservoir Policies and Regulations

General

1. Glass containers and bottles are prohibited.
2. No camping or leaving vehicles inside the gate overnight.
3. Only propane grills are allowed. Fire prevention rules:
 - No propane grills or tanks may be placed and utilized under any type of picnic shelter, canopy or tent.
 - Multiple grills must be positioned either end-to-end or side-to-side, no less than 10 feet apart. Spare propane tanks must be stored no closer than 20 feet from any grill.
 - There must be one 20-pound "ABC" fire extinguisher accompanying each propane grill. Each extinguisher must be placed no closer than 10 yards and no further than 15 yards from each grill and must be readily accessible to any user. Certified extinguishers may be rented from Boulder Reservoir.
 - No charcoal grills of any type, except those provided by Boulder Reservoir, will be allowed on Reservoir property.
4. Driving is prohibited on any grass area. Cars cause damage to the grass and sprinkler system. Cost of repairs will be billed to the owner of the vehicle.
5. Sound Amplification: Music or other amplified sound will not commence before 10:00 a.m. or continue after 7:00 p.m. unless other arrangements are made with reservoir staff. Amplified sound may be limited to a specific time by Parks and Recreation staff. The city of Boulder also has noise level regulations which will be enforced. Noise levels may not exceed 65 decibels at the property line during the event.
6. Hitting golf balls within the park is prohibited.
7. Any organized, recreational, athletic or social event of more than 50 persons must obtain a permit.
8. No person shall enter the Boulder Reservoir premises with, launch, or operate a power or sail-driven boat on the Boulder Reservoir without first obtaining a permit.
9. All children 11 years old and younger must be accompanied by an adult.
10. No one can enter or be present when the Rez is closed.
11. No person may use an automobile at the Boulder Reservoir or Coot Lake except upon established roadways or park in other than designated parking areas, or use snowmobiles, hovercraft, motorcycles, or any other motor-powered vehicle off of the established roadways except when specifically authorized by the city manager.

Alcohol

1. In general city laws prohibit possession of an open container or consumption of alcohol on public lands. However, alcohol consumption at the Boulder Reservoir and Coot Lake (as well as at the Flatirons Golf Course, East Mapleton Ball Fields and Stazio Recreation Complex) is exempt from this law.

2. Patrons of legal age (21) may possess and consume alcoholic beverages in the park between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.
3. If a group wants to sell alcohol as part of their event they must get a "Special Event Permit for the Sale of Liquor" from the State of Colorado.
4. If the group wants to dispense alcohol to the general public they must obtain a City of Boulder Alcohol Permit from the Parks and Recreation Department.

Swim Beach

1. Swimming is only allowed in the designated swimming area when open. Open means that there are lifeguards on duty.
2. No person may swim in the Boulder Reservoir except in designated areas marked with rafts and buoyed rope except as swimming is incidental to waterskiing, surfboarding, or sailing.
3. Groups with children under 11 years old must have one adult for every 10 children.
4. If you are bringing a group of 10 or more children to the swim beach you must call at least 24 hrs in advance and make a reservation.
5. No person shall swim outside designated swimming area. Swimming is not allowed off ski docks or anywhere in the reservoir except for the designated swim area while lifeguards are on duty.
6. Children under 3 must wear swim diapers, regular disposable diapers are prohibited on children in the water.
7. Children 5 and under must be within arms reach of an adult when in the water or near water's edge.
8. Flotation devices are allowed only at the discretion of the lifeguards/beach staff.
9. Shallow water is designated by red buoys.
10. Swim test will be administered by the lifeguard staff for permission to swim outside of shallow area.

Dogs

1. Dogs are not allowed through the front gate or on the south shoreline May 15 through Labor Day. Leash laws apply at the south shore during the off season.
2. Dogs are allowed on the north shore and at Coot Lake if under voice and sight control and if accompanied the dog's guardian or keeper. The dog must be visibly wearing a "Voice and Sight Control Evidence Tag" that has been lawfully obtained pursuant to Chapter 6-13 of the Boulder Revised Code. The accompanying guardian or keeper must have a leash in his or her immediate possession in a condition to be attached to the dog without undue delay.

Boating

1. Boulder applies the State of Colorado boating statutes and regulations
2. All watercraft must have a current Boulder reservoir permit
3. All water craft must go through boat inspection process

4. A U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket, life vest, or flotation ski belt must be available for each person on board.
5. An applicant for a power driven boat permit must have liability and damage insurance with a minimum limit of \$100,000.00 for injury to any one person in any single occurrence and \$300,000.00 for an injury to two or more persons in any single occurrence.

Public Nudity

The City of Boulder only has one provision that addresses nudity and it only applies to Coot Lake. The law states that no nude person ten years of age or older may be in or within 500 feet of the shore of Coot Lake or any adjacent street.

However, there are state laws that would also apply to all other public areas. One such law is state law CRS 18-7-302 (Indecent Exposure) which prohibits a person from knowingly exposing his/her genitals to the view of any person under circumstances in which such conduct is likely to cause affront or alarm to the other person.

